

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:	Confirmation No.: 9628
Hiromu UESHIMA et al.	Art Unit: 2628
Application No.: 09/856,175	Examiner: Peter PAPPAS
Filed: June 4, 2001	Attorney Docket No.: 100341-00008
For: SENSING BALL GAME MACHINE	

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH A REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R §1.114**

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Date: August 20, 2008

Sir:

Coupled with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination, Applicants request that, prior to initial examination, the above-identified application be FURTHER amended as shown below. This paper is in reply to the Office Action dated March 20, 2008, the period for response being extended from June 20, 2008 to August 20, 2008 by the attached Petition for Extension of Time. Please amend the above-identified application as set forth below:

Amendments to the **Claims** begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 19.